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FSC REPEAL AND EXTRA-TERRITORIAL INCOME EXCLUSION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, American taxpayers will choke on the discovery that HR 4986 contains a big tobacco subsidy. In effect, this bill holds American taxpayers responsible for coughing up \$100 million per year, in lieu of taxing the tobacco industry on income from cigarette sales in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

According to the World Health Organization, 10 million people will die annually by 2030 from smoking, 70 percent in developing countries. Why should American taxpayers subsidize the spread of tobacco-related diseases and cancer in the world's poorest countries? That's what HR 4986 does.

Supporters of the bill may argue that a wider spectrum of business benefits from HR 4986 than merely the tobacco industry, so why "throw the baby out with the bath water."

This is, however, a false choice. We could have considered this bill under regular order, where members could have offered amendments. It is only because the House leadership brought this bill up under suspension of the rules, and as a consequence, no member can offer an amendment, that we are faced with rejecting the whole bill because of the tobacco subsidy.

But I urge my colleagues to confront the situation we have been given, and still insist on what is right. Take a deep breath and reject this bill.

RECOGNIZING RAUL CARABAJAL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' REGIONAL HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Raul Carabajal of Fairfield, California, for receiving the National Association of Letter Carriers' Regional Hero of the Year Award.

Mr. Carabajal is being recognized for his selfless and heroic act of rescuing a postal customer from a smoky house fire. While delivering mail, as he had for the past 15 years, along his regular route, Mr. Carabajal spotted smoke rising in the sky above the neighborhood rooftops. Following the smoke, Mr. Carabajal arrived at a house on fire, ran to the door, pounded it open, then dropped to his hands and knees and crawled into the house.

Blinded by smoke, he followed sounds until he saw the pale arm of an elderly woman as she lay in the hallway. He immediately dragged the woman out of the house to safety and returned into the house to rescue her two

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Pomeranian dogs, leading them to safety through the garage.

Hearing the siren of fire trucks arrive, Mr. Carabajal quietly jumped back into postal vehicle and resumed his normal mail deliveries.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Raul Carabajal put his own life on the line to save the lives of an elderly woman and her two pets. This valiant and noble act is the reason for his receiving the Regional Hero of the Year Award from the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Mr. Raul Carabajal for his bravery and commitment to the community. Congratulations to Mr. Carabajal for receiving this distinguished award.

HONORING BEN BEALL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to commend the Honorable Ben Beall for his outstanding public service to the State of Colorado. After nearly a decade of service to his community, Ben is stepping down as Routt County Commissioner. He has served his community admirably and I would like to pay tribute at this time, to his career in public office.

During his distinguished tenure as a Commissioner, Ben strove to ensure that the agricultural needs of Colorado's farmers were respected and preserved. Ben's desire to help others has also led him to get involved with a number of different community organizations. Ben has served as Chairman of the Emerald Mountain Partnership, and the Routt County Democratic Party. He also served on the Yampa River Basin Partnership, the Northwest Transportation Planning Commission, and the Yampa River System Legacy Project.

Ben has worked diligently to ensure that his community is a better place for all its citizens. His hard work and outstanding leadership will be greatly missed. Ben, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress, I thank you for your service.

Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of September 7, 2000, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following vote:

On H.R. 4844 (rollcall No. 459), to modernize the financing of the Railroad Retirement System and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries, introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, R. SHUSTER, I would have voted "yea."

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DICK WARDROP JR. AND AK STEEL'S SUCCESS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in commemoration of The National Safety Council's announcement that AK Steel Chairman and CEO Dick Wardrop Jr. has been selected as the inaugural recipient of its Green Cross for Safety Medallion. The National Safety Council is a non-government, non-profit international membership organization dedicated to promoting safety, health, and environment quality in the nation's workplaces. Their award is presented annually to the American corporate leader who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to workplace safety and corporate citizenship. NSC President and CEO Gerald Scannell recognized AK Steel as one of the nation's leaders in creating and maintaining a safety culture throughout the company; as well as communicating its commitment to safety to its shareholders and the public, and making safety a core value within the AK Steel organization.

Forbes Magazine, in its January 11, 1999 issue, named Dick Wardrop to its "Platinum List" for leadership in steering AK Steel to its position as the best-performing company in the metals industry. AK Steel has also been named to the Fortune 500 list, Fortune Most Admired Companies list, Industry Week's 100 Best Managed Companies in the World list and the Cleveland Plain Dealer 100. Wardrop joined AK Steel in 1992 and was instrumental in turning the troubled firm, then known as Armco Steel Company, L.P. into one of the country's most successful steel companies. AK Steel has led the steel industry in operating profit per ton, a key industry measurement, for more than six consecutive years. Since 1992, AK Steel's financial performance has been as much as four times higher than the industry average. AK steel could not have reached such a high standard without the dynamic leadership and personal commitment to being "first in safety," the consistent message of the company's top officer, Mr. Wardrop.

In addition to his zero injury and injury prevention policy, Mr. Wardrop has led AK Steel as the nation's leader in quality of life for its plant environment and corporate grants and donations to the community. AK Steel has its headquarters in Middletown, Ohio and has about 11,000 employees in plants and offices in Middletown, Coshocton, Mansfield, Warren and Zanesville, Ohio; Ashland, Kentucky; Rockport, Indiana; and Butler, Sharon and Wheatland, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dick Wardrop Jr. is a true leader whose hard work and dedication should serve as an example for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to service. I am proud to know and represent a person like Mr. Wardrop and AK Steel Congress. As Mr. Scannell said, "Dick Wardrop has set an extremely high standard of corporate citizenship against which all future nominees will be judged."